



United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 16, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2008 (or 8:08 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

Members Present

President	Donald Lee	Director	Gail Marit
Vice President	Allison Seghetti-Kehoe	Director	Todd Dunlap
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Karen Shivers - absent
Treasurer	David Broderick		

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

- May and June minutes will be approved via Facebook

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report

Treasurer – David reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$28,446.96 PayPal \$11,750.36
Total: \$40,197.32

Secretary – Michon reported the following: 2018 YTD numbers: 245 members and 26 clubs

Director at Large – None

Committee Reports

Judge’s Committee –

From Ann Putegnat:

The Committee met once with partial attendance. We continue to address the additional requirements that will be added to the Judges Program as a result of the new FCI requirements. In addition, Todd, Dave and I are reviewed the document during the trial weekend in Pennsylvania. The challenge of creating a judge’s program that is doable yet within the confines of the FCI requirements continues to be a serious issue for this Committee.

There was further discussion that some of the requests from the BOD to the Judge's Committee are not doable as we are not meeting the FCI requires as it is. There was discussion about the distance and expenses required that judges need to travel and spend to go to different trials which makes the program difficult to complete.

Gail suggested having different levels of judges. This idea was discussed briefly. Don will talk to Valeer about this idea. The goal of USMRA is to get more members interested in becoming a judge.

Decoy Committee –

Allison reported that a Level 3 decoy was re-evaluated and moved back to a Level 2 decoy, due to safety concerns and the decoy's ability to perform level 3 quality of work. The decoy has been notified by Carlos Aguirre, Chair of the Committee, of the demotion. The decoy also received a letter via email, to explain the demotion.

There was some discussion about member comments that were made by people attending Nationals, stating that the decoy was unsafe while catching dogs and should be pulled.

The BOD discussed the demoted decoy's concerns which were discussed via phone with Don Lee. The decision to demote the decoy was the decision of the Decoy Committee and any questions or concerns should be directed to the Decoy Committee. The authority to certify decoys, as well as re-evaluate the decoy's status is granted within the guidelines of the Decoy Committee.

Membership Committee –

- Sportsman of the Year Nominations
 - Carlos Aguirre
 - Kevin Bain
 - Lisa Geller
 - Michon Mills
 - Patti Phillips
 - Paul Anthony

Per Karen Shivers, Chair

The Committee had 6 people nominated by Clubs for Sportsman of the Year. The Committee narrowed it down to 3 people and would like the BOD to make the decision. The recommendations from the Membership Committee are Kevin Bain, Michon Mills and Paul Anthony.

The submission letters will be placed on the Facebook page for the BOD to read.

The Board of Directors recommends sending the Sportsman of the Year recommendations back to the Committee, recusing Karen from the voting, and requesting that the Membership Committee vote on the 3 recommendations and narrow the field to one or two from the three, and then submit again to the BOD for approval.

AWDF Update –

AWDF has formally filed charges against UScA for by-laws violations. For Creating and promoting a competing organization, which violates the purpose of the current AWDF By-Laws Section 1, c., e., f., h., and j.

Nationals Committee –

Per Jake Scott, Chair –

The final submission that we approved and pass on for the BOD approval is a three club co-host for the 2019 Nationals, consisting of Santa Clarita Mondioring Club (OJ Knighten), Marvel K9 Ring Club (Francois Massart) and NorCal Mondioring Club (Mahogany Gamble).

The Board accepts the National Committees recommendation to approve all three clubs to co-host the 2019 National Championship.

FCI Committee – No report

International Committee –

- USMRA World Team Member submissions
 - Lianne Shinton – MR1
 - Maggie Klein – MR1
 - Paul Anthony – MR3
 - Todd Dunlap – MR3
 - Marie Skello – MR3 – National Champion

- USMRA World Team Captain submissions
 - Jake Scott
 - Francois Massart

The International Committee will be voting on the Team Leader position and will report the results of the vote to the BOD once voting is completed.

Scores for Team Selection are as follows:

Lianne Shinton – 194.17

Maggie Klein – 185.17

Paul Anthony – 329.00

Todd Dunlap – 348.00

Marie Skello – National Champion - Automatic spot

It was moved by Todd, second by Michon, to approve the 2018 USMRA World Team, based on scores, as follows: Level 1 – Lianne Shinton, Level 3 – Paul Anthony, Todd Dunlap and Marie Skello. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaw changes for defining members pertaining to National Championship placement and non US resident members – Tabled

Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs

- Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs

None to approve

New Business

- New BOI complaint dated July 16, 2018 will be submitted to the BOI

To prevent any conflict of interest, the Board of Directors recuses Nicholas Rempp, BOI Committee member, from the BOI complaint, as he is an active member of the club that is filing the complaint.

- Judge Lisa Geller suggests that all trial score sheets should be reviewed by USMRA judges for training purposes

It was discussed that the trial scoresheets belong to USMRA and the individual competitors, but are not public record. It was further discussed that all scoresheets are posted at the trial for review.

Member's Concerns – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have

Discuss recent decoy demotion from level 3 to level 2

This was discussed in the Decoy Committee report. The BOD has agreed to uphold the decision of the Decoy Committee. Any further concerns will be referred to the Decoy Committee.

Announcements

Next Regular BOD Meeting – August 13, 2018 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Adjournment

It was moved by Gail, second by Allison to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2127 hours (9:27 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary

**Approved (Approved as Corrected)
BOD Electronic approval**

Michon M. Mills
USMRA Secretary
August 20, 2018